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The Honorable William J. Casey Director of the C.I.A. Washington, D.C. 20905

Dear Bill,

I am chairing the project at Harvard undertaking a three year examination of the effect of the press on federal policymaking. Several months ago, we sent you a questionnaire. I am writing this personal note (and sending another copy of the questionnaire) to ask again that you help with our study.

A number of books have been written about the interaction between the press and the government, but our study will be unique in looking at the effect of the media on the policy process from the viewpoint of the policymaker. Since this is important and groundbreaking work, we are trying to be as thorough as possible. We cannot develop meaningful findings about the media's role without obtaining the views of present and former officials with substantial experience in the federal government. Your reflections and opinions, in short, are of vital importance to us and that is why I am making a special effort to encourage you to complete the questionnaire.

We can assure you complete anonymity and confidentiality. We would be grateful if you could return the questionnaire by September 5, 1983.

I appreciate that you are extremely busy, and that the questionnaire is not short. I know, however, if you take the time to fill it out it will make an important difference in a valuable scholarly endeavor.

Thanks for your help, and with all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Moore

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